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TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, and within three (3) months of the mailing date of the foreign search report.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

The documents listed on the attached PT0/SB/08 were cited as being relevant during the prosecution of the corresponding Korean application. A partial English translation of the Korean Office Action of October 23, 2006, follows:

Cited Invention 1 (9/25/2000; Korean Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2000-57723) relates to a call control method and system for mobile communication comprising the calculation of difference in reception field strength between a mobile terminal located in a boundary region and two base stations, the comparison of transmission loss, the execution of handover, etc.

Cited Invention 2 (6/15/2001; Korean Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2001-48893) relates to a handoff testing device and method for a mobile communication system comprising a handoff test, power control, transmission loss computation, etc.

A. The invention described in Claim 1 of the present application relates to a handover function testing method including a step of calculating the difference in reception field level between the mobile terminal and the base stations involved in the handover, a transmission power control step, and a handover function testing step.

Comparing the present invention to Cited Invention 1, the purpose and effect of the inventions are identical in the point of calculating the reception field level difference between a mobile terminal and base stations, and based on that, executing (testing) the handover function.

Comparing the constitutions, the step of calculating the reception field level difference and the handover function testing step of Claim 1 of the present application correspond to the reception field strength difference computation and handover execution of Cited Invention 1. However, Claim 1 of the present application limits the application of the invention to testing for handover by means of reception field level difference calculation (Point of Difference 1), and thus additionally includes a transmission power control step (Point of Difference 2), but [see] the power control arrangement in Cited Invention 2.

B. The invention described in Claims 2 through 3 of the present application is the handover function testing method of Claim 1, characterized in that the transmission power control arrangement is specified, the reception field level is measured and reported to a base station controller, and a step of calculating an adjustment value for power control is additionally included. Comparing the present invention to Cited Invention 1, Claims 2 through 3 of the present application differ from Cited Invention 1 in the point of additionally including a detailed arrangement for power control, but [see] the forward/reverse link power attenuation and per channel adjustment capable variable attenuator/interference signal generator/controller of Cited Invention 2.

C. The inventions described in Claims 4 through 6 of the present application relate to a spread spectrum mobile communication system which tests a handover function, differing only in category from the handover function testing method of Claims 1 through 3.

(ATTACHMENTS)

Attachment 1 Korean Unexamined Patent Application
Publication 2000-57723 (9/25/2000), 1 copy

Attachment 2 Korean Unexamined Patent Application
Publication 2001-48893 (6/15/2001), 1 copy

Document B1 is a U.S. counterpart of Document B3.

Applicant respectfully requests that each listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

STATEMENT

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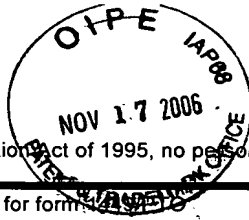
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